UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-11598-WGY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

CITY OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS; THOMAS M. MENINO, in his official capacity as Mayor of the City of Boston; BOSTON CITY COUNCIL; MICHAEL F. FLAHERTY, PAUL J. SCAPICCHIO, JAMES M. KELLY, MAUREEN E. FEENEY, CHARLES C. YANCY, ROB CONSALVO, JOHN TOBIN, CHUCK TURNER, MICHAEL P. ROSS, JERRY P. MCDERMOTT, FELIX D. ARROYO, MAURA HENNIGAN, STEPHEN J. MURPHY; BOSTON ELECTION DEPARTMENT; GERALDINE CUDDYER, in her official capacity as Chair of the Boston Election Department; SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

Defendants.

CITY OF BOSTON DEFENDANTS' CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 7.1(A)(2)

Pursuant to L.R. D. Mass. 7.1(A)(2), I hereby certify that on September 12, 2007, as counsel for the Defendants, City of Boston, I communicated with Peter Saks, counsel for the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in an attempt to resolve or narrow the issues presented in City of Boston Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Intervenor Defendant Secretary of the Commonwealth's Cross-claims but counsel have been unable to reach agreement.

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Respectfully submitted,

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